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- (1) DE Patent No. 100 12 115;
- (2) WO Publication No. 03/054333;
- (3) DE Patent No. 42 17 426;
- (4) US Patent No. 6,220,627;
- (5) US Patent No. 6,366,237;
- (6) US Patent No. 5,294,934; and
- (7) US Patent No. 5,867,123.

A listing on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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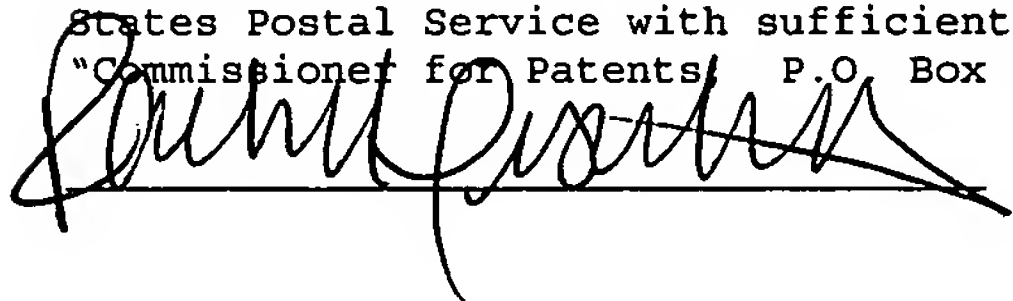
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